GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:756
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RIGHTS OF CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued a notice to the Government on the rights of children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, the National Human Rights Commission, in its meeting held on 14.7.2000, considered the Optional Protocols to the −
(i) Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography; and
(ii) the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of Children in Armed Conflicts and in pursuance of the Statutory Responsibilities under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, [Section 12(f)], the Commission decided to commend the Protocols to the Government for adoption.

Accordingly the Department of Women & Child Development, being the nodal Department of the Government of India for the issues relating to children, has been asked to process the same.

(c) The Department of Women & Child Development, in consultation with concerned Ministries and Departments, is considering the proposal.